

30 January 1958

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr.

SUBJECT: Suggested Reply to Letter from F.R. Senften
dated 20 January 1958.

1. It is recommended that Mr. Senften be replied to along the following line:

"Your interest in combatting Communism is most appreciated. You may not know that all countries of the Organization of American States reached an agreement at a conference in Caracas in March 1954 for action against international Communism. Colombia, where you now intend to live, was a signatory of this anti-Communist resolution. It is therefore suggested that after your arrival in Colombia, any information which you may obtain on Communist activities be passed on to the Colombian Internal Security Police for their action."

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Mr. Franz Reigelf Benften



Dear Mr. Benften:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, may I acknowledge your letter of 20 January which was referred to us by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In March 1954, all countries of the Organization of American States reached an agreement in Caracas for action against international Communism. Colombia was a signatory of this anti-Communist resolution. It is therefore suggested that, after your arrival in Colombia, any information which you may obtain on Communist activities be passed on to the Colombian Internal Security Police for their action.

Your interest in combatting Communism is most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Assistant to the Director

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Lyss, January 20, 1958

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am wondering if you could use me in Colombia where I intend to live as I have been for forty-two years a resident of the United States and for seven years of Venezuela.

Although I was not born in the States I came to New-York when I was sixteen years old just out of school and I am an American though I never took out my second citizenship papers. I think and feel as an American and I am very proud of it.

In New-York I was bonded for ten thousand dollars and I've got a clean record.

During my stay in Venezuela there were many Communist agents and I want to help you all I can to track them down and get rid of them who work against the United States.

Yours very truly,


F.R. Senften

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
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Washington, D.C.
United States of America